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1. The Soviets were not able, upon the occupation of Germany, to secure the services of any first-class experts in the field of guided missile research and production. A number of medium-grade German engineers and technicians were, however, assembled and shipped to Podolsk, approximately 35 kilometers south of Moscow. Podolsk is the USSR's major guided missile research center.
2. Hulls for guided missiles are tested and perfected at Seltso, near Bryansk, at the local powder and ammunition factory. A large area around the factory is fenced off with barbed wire and strongly guarded.
3. The principal Soviet testing place for V-weapons is at Ust Labinskaya in the northern Caucasus, northeast of Krasnodar on the double-tracked railway between Krasnodar and Voroshilovsk.
4. The Prisma plant at Moscow produces photo-cathodes, magnet lenses (sic), Braun tubes, and other electro-optical components for the observation or controlling of guided missiles in flight. The plant is equipped exclusively with German machinery and employs some 500 specialized workers, a number of whom are German engineers whom the Soviets recruited in Saxony. The Germans were permitted to bring their families with them to the USSR.
5. Special instruments connected with the guided missile program are produced at the Siemens experimental laboratory at Lake Seliger, near Ostashkov, and at the telescopic instrument factory at Leningrad.
6. The Zeiss factory at Krasnogorsk, near Moscow, is working exclusively on equipment for armored vehicles and airplanes. The machinery has been set up in a former airplane factory. Two hundred German families live in a nearby barracks village. Some of the dependents of the German Zeiss workers are employed in a neighboring textile plant.

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